

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

May 14, 2014

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2014-69-S

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2014-69-S](#) - Application of Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC (Alpine Utilities and Woodland Utilities Service Areas) for Adjustment of Rates and Charges - Discuss with the Commission Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC's Answer in Opposition to the Petition to Intervene.

COMMISSION ACTION:

We have before us an Answer in Opposition and Objection to the proposed intervention in this Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC d/b/a Alpine Utilities and d/b/a Woodland Utilities ("PWR") sewer rate case by Arch Enterprises, LLC d/b/a McDonalds. The utility argues that Arch is not a "customer" under the regulatory definition, since sewer service is not "supplied" by the Company as intended by the Commission's Regulation, and that Arch is unlawfully receiving service. The Company further argues that the Commission has regulations pertaining to the establishment of a sewer account which have not been followed since Arch took over the McDonald's restaurant at issue in July 2013. Prior to this date, the McDonald's was operated by a different corporation, RBF Enterprises, LLC. Arch states that the proposed rate is arbitrary and capricious, and will likely result in an exorbitant rate increase to it. PWR denies these allegations.

We do not have enough information to make the determination requested, and I therefore move for oral arguments to be scheduled in this case, and that we direct Staff to schedule such oral argument. When the parties appear for those arguments, they should be ready to address such issues as whether RBF has notified Alpine of cancellation of its contract with Alpine, and if so, when it did so; the circumstances of the transfer of the restaurant from RBF to Arch in July 2013; to whom the billing notices have been sent since that time; and whether the parties have been able to reach an accommodation regarding their dispute that was the subject of this Commission's dismissal in the related complaint case filed by Arch. Accordingly, I move that we hold our ruling in abeyance pending oral argument on issues raised by the intervention request and the objection to same.

PRESIDING: HamiltonSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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